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In re Application of Prodromos Pericles Stephanos) Date: April 7, 2003
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Filed: January 5, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1714
For: Lighter Fluid Composition) Examiner: Cephia Toomer
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Recordation of Substance of Interview

In response to the *Interview Summary* in the above-captioned matter dated March 18, 2003, the applicant hereby submits this record of the substance of the March 14th interview, as required by MPEP § 713.04.

Exhibits: None

Claims Discussed: All in general.

Prior Art Discussed: Wilkins (U.S. patent no. 5,252,107) and Wesley (US 5,773, 706).

Action Proposed: The applicant proposed filing a RCE, based on new evidence of commercial success and the lack of motivation to combine the Wilkins and Wesley references.

Substance of Discussion: The applicant's counsel explained the commercial success of the invention, as evinced by a license to Duraflame, and sales of more than 250,000 units during the first year. The applicant's counsel also pointed that the product has been stocked in retail shelves throughout the country at such major chains as Safeway and Sears. Furthermore, the applicant's counsel noted that this success was due to the advantages of the claimed invention, and not advertising or some other feature of the successful product.

the applicant wanted to create a product with low VOC emissions. Nothing in Wesley or Wilkins suggest that gelling would accomplish this goal, yet it does, for a variety of reasons, including the reduced tendency of a gelled product to soak in the charcoal.

Other Matters Discussed: None.

Results of Interview: Although no agreement was reached, the examiner indicated that she thought the evidence of commercial success was "persuasive." The applicant has thus filed a RCE, on March 14, 2003, along with the new evidence.

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